

2024 – UPSC Mains Essay Paper**Total time: 3 Hours****Total Marks: 200 marks****Write an essay by choosing one topic. Word limit: 2000-2500 words. [125 X 2 = 250]****SECTION – A**

1. Forests precede civilizations, and deserts follow them.
2. The empires of the future will be the empires of the mind.
3. There is no path to happiness; Happiness is the path.
4. The doubter is a true man of science.

SECTION B

5. Social media is triggering 'Fear of Missing Out' amongst the youth, precipitating depression and loneliness.
6. Nearly all men can stand adversity, but to test the character, give him power.
7. All ideas having large consequences are always simple.
8. The cost of being wrong is less than the cost of doing nothing.